

What can you expect?

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(based on the song "My Name is Lazarus" by Rodney Griffin, as sung by Greater Vision)

Characters:

Crippled man

Abner (formerly blind)

Benjamin (formerly with a withered hand)

Gamal (formerly with leprosy)

Lazarus (formerly....dead)

Stage setup:

Crippled man (facing audience) is laying in a sheet (on chairs for support?). Four men (facing audience) each hold a corner of the sheet and pretend to walk.

Crippled man: Hey guys....thanks for the ride, but who ARE you and where are WE going?
(The men stop walking and turn sideways to talk to the crippled man.)

Abner: My name is Abner and I'm here because my friend (point to Benjamin) asked me to help carry you to see Jesus. You see, I was blind and Jesus made me see again. But don't expect too much. You are in much worse condition than I was.

Benjamin: I am Benjamin, and I'm only here because my friend (point to Gamal) asked me to help. You see, Jesus healed my withered hand. But don't expect too much. You are in much worse condition than I was.

Gamal: I am Gamal, and I'm only here because my friend (point to Lazarus) asked me to help. You see, Jesus healed me of leprosy. But don't expect too much. You are in much worse condition than I was.

Lazarus: My name is Lazarus, and I'd like to tell you what you **CAN** expect from Jesus.
(Everyone freezes as this is the end of the skit and the lead in to the story....Be sure someone in the audience begins to clap to indicate the end of the skit.)

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